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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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September 26, 1969

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These observations are to be brought to the attention of all investigative personnel.

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(B) SECURITY AND RACIAL INFORMANTS -- A recent survey conducted by the Inspection Division of informants and sources on the campuses of educational institutions determined that there exists a need for tight controls and great selectivity in this most sensitive area.

Accordingly, no student should be developed as a campus security or racial informant or source of any type in security or racial matters who is under the age of 21. In the event there exist highly unusual circumstances which would warrant an exception, you should submit such a request to the Bureau setting out full justification.

Upon initial contact with a potential student informant or source, informant or source should be requested to execute a brief signed written statement for the field file to the effect that such individual has voluntarily furnished information to the FBI because of his concern of individuals and groups acting against the interests of his government and that he understands that the FBI is not interested in the legitimate activities of educational institutions.

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The initial quarterly letters should be submitted by each office by January 1, 1970, and should be transmitted to the Bureau by cover communication under the caption "Utilization of Informants and Sources at Institutions of Learning." The cover communication should set forth an overall analysis of coverage afforded by campus sources in each division including the number of informants and sources active and under development at each educational institution where sources are being utilized. Subsequent letters should be submitted in a like manner on a quarterly basis.

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Appropriate manual and handbook changes are forthcoming.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Sullivan
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1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan

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NOTE:

See memorandum W. M. Felt to Mr. Tolson dated September 15, 1969, captioned "Utilization of Informants and Sources at Institutions of Learning, Domestic Intelligence Division," prepared by LMW:wmj.

Manual, handbook changes are being prepared and the field is being instructed to close certain apparent non-productive sources commented upon by the Inspector if warranted.